

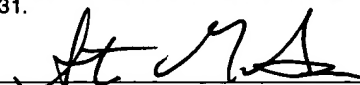


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<b>Applicant(s):</b> Cote et al.					
<b>Serial No.</b> 09/808,418	<b>Filing Date</b> March 14, 2001	<b>Examiner</b> Not Yet Assigned	<b>Group Art Unit</b> Not Yet Assigned		
<b>Invention:</b> SWABBABLE LUER-ACTIVATED VALVE					
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**PRELIMINARY REMARKS**

Dear Sir:

This patent application has been filed to provoke an interference with U.S. patent number 6,036,171, which issued March 14, 2000. Below are remarks complying with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.607.

**REMARKS**

Applicants request that an interference be declared between this application ("This Application") and U.S. patent number 6,036,171 ("The Patent").

**PRIORITY**

Applicants' earliest priority date of November 18, 1996 predates the earliest priority date of The Patent. Specifically, This Application claims the earliest priority date of U.S. patent application number 09/479,327 (referred to herein as the "327 application" and assigned